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WATERSHED PROJECT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has implemented some watershed projects in the Kalahandi Bolangir Kolhapur (KBK) District in Orissa;and

(b) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): Watershed Development Programmes are being implemented in the KBK districts (Kalahandi, Nuapada, Bolangir, Sonepur, Koraput, Rayagada, Malkangiri and Nabarangpur) under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes, like; National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA), Soil Conservation for Enhancing Productivity of the Degraded lands in the Catchments of River Valley Project/Flood Prone River (RVP&FPR), Integrated Wasteland Development Projects (IWDP), Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP).The Watershed Development Programmes are also implemented with the Additional Central Assistance (ACA) received under Revised Long Term Action Plan (RLTAP) for KBK districts. Besides, one Externally Aided Project (funded by DFID), viz; Western Orissa Rural Livelihoods Project (WORLP) is also currently being implemented .

Under the above Watershed Programmes so far, 499552 ha has been developed in the KBK districts. The scheme-wise details of above projects are given at Annexure-I.These watershed projects have resulted in increase in soil moisture, cropping intensity, production and productivity, ground water recharge, reduction in soil loss, additional area brought under cultivation etc.